

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 8-16 with the following amended paragraph:

A plurality of hypotheses embodiments can be made regarding the functioning: the descrambling means may comprise standard descrambling software for all programs that can be received by the system, and each program can only be descrambled by means of a key that is specific to this program, which key is defined by the operator transmitting this program. In such an hypothesis embodiment, the key can form the enabling signal. In this hypothesis embodiment, descrambled data signals will be available at the output of the descrambling means if the latter are included in a stand-alone module, and might well be intercepted by a malevolent user who wants to fraudulently copy the contents of the decoded program.

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 2, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

In another hypothesis embodiment, the descrambling means may include hardware for executing a descrambling software program, without said descrambling means containing the software itself however, since in this case the software will be transported, by means of the enabling signal, to the descrambling means where it will be stored. Such a transport will take place subject to the reception of protected information by the enabling means, which place subject to the reception of protected information by the enabling means, which protected information may contain a code defining the descrambling program. In this other hypothesis embodiment, it would be possible to incorporate the enabling means in the decoder, which may or may not be integrated in the output device, so that said descrambling software program is not directly accessible to the user of the system and hence the risk that the contents of programs is fraudulently copied is limited. Such an embodiment of the invention additionally enables a further reduction of the place taken up by the system.

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 7-16 with the following amended paragraph:

The descrambling means DES may comprise standard descrambling software for all programs that can be received by the system SYST, descrambling of each program only being possible by means of a key that is specific to each individual program, which key is defined by the operator, which is the transmitter of the program. In such a hypothesis an embodiment, the key may be contained in the protected information and constitute the enabling signal ES. In another hypothesis embodiment, the descrambling means DES may contain hardware for executing a descrambling software program, but the descrambling means do not contain the software itself, so that in this case said software program will be transferred, by means of the enabling signal ES, to the descrambling means DES where it will be stored. Such a transport will take place subject to the reception of protected information by the enabling means EN.